UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT OF THE FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

1531 YOV - L. A. N: 52 CIVIL ACTION NO.

MARLOW WILLIAMS, Plaintiff

v.

& BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT Defendants

04-12346MLW

RECEIPT # 29 AMOUNT \$ 150 SUMMONS ISSUED_

LOCAL RULE 4.1.
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MAGISTRATE JUDGE 1733

NOTICE OF REMOVAL (Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1441)

The Defendant City of Boston petitions, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1441, for removal from the Superior Court Department of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts the action entitled *Marlow Williams v. City of Boston, et. al.*, currently pending in Suffolk County as Civil Action No. 2004-3534D.

- 1. This action alleges that Defendants violated the Federal civil rights of Plaintiff, Marlow Williams, by using excessive force during his arrest for assault and battery on a police officer, resisting arrest, and numerous other violations regarding an incident on February 4, 2003. Plaintiff further makes claims for the tortious acts of assault and battery and violations of the Massachusetts Civil Rights Act under G.L. c. 12, §111.
- 2. In his Federal civil rights claims, the Plaintiff specifically alleges that Defendants violated 42 U.S.C. §1983. This action clearly "arises under the Constitution treaties or laws of the United States" and is therefore removable under 28 U.S.C. §1441.
- 3. A fair reading of the facts and theories as a whole make it apparent that Federal statutory law and issues are an essential part of the case and therefore, Defendants have the statutory right to remove this action;
- 4. This Notice of Removal is being filed within thirty (30) days of service upon Defendants; and

5. Upon information and belief, the individually named Defendants have given their consent for removal.

WHEREFORE, Defendant petitions that this action be removed.

Respectfully submitted,
DEFENDANT, CITY OF BOSTON
Merita A. Hopkins
Corporation Counsel
By its attorney,

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VERIFICATION

I, Helen Litsas, hereby swear under the pains and penalties of perjury that the statements of fact in the petition are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Respectfully submitted,
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Helen G. Litsas, hereby certify that I served the Defendant, City of Boston's Notice of Removal upon the Plaintiff by mailing a copy, postage prepaid, to:

Marlow Williams No. 0303857 Suffolk County House of Correction 20 Bradston Street Boston, MA 02108

Helen H. Enton

11/4/04 **Date**